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On Oct 21, 2014, at 4:19 PM, "Washburn, Ben" <washburn.ben@epa.gov> wrote:

OPA Daily Digest for 10/21/14

Congressional Inquiries:

None

State Government Inquiries:

Sen. Gary Romine (Mo.) – letter – 10/1/14: Questioning high levels of lead in soil in southeastern Missouri. Contact: Ben Washburn, 7364 (open)

Press Inquiries:

Jefferson City News-Tribune – Landon Reeves – 10/20/14 – Questions about National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (open)

Environmental Stories:

Harvest Report

Farm Futures - U.S. Corn 31% Harvested in USDA Crop Progress and Condition Report - 10/20/14 - The U.S. corn harvest advanced to 31% as of Sunday and soybean harvest went to 53%, and are quite a ways behind the five-year averages of 53% and 66%, USDA said on Monday. <http://farmfutures.com/story-corn-31-harvested-usda-crop-progress-condition-report-0-119256>

Brownfield Ag News - Harvest progresses in Nebraska - 10/21/14 - As of Sunday, soybean harvest stood at 69 percent, compared to 81 average. Corn harvest was at 28 percent, well behind the 45 average. Farmers were waiting for grain moisture levels, especially on irrigated corn, to dry down further. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2014/10/21/harvest-progresses-nebraska/>

Brownfield Ag News - Iowa farmers welcome good harvest weather - 10/21/14 - As of Sunday, 61 percent of Iowa soybean were harvested, compared to the 77 percent five-year average. Corn harvest was only 19 percent complete, about 18 days behind the normal pace. The average moisture content of corn statewide was estimated at 21 percent.

<http://brownfieldagnews.com/2014/10/21/iowa-farmers-welcome-good-harvest-weather/>

Associated Press - Rain delays Missouri corn, soybean harvests - 10/21/14 - The National Agricultural Statistics Service reports there were 3.5 days suitable for fieldwork for the week that ended Sunday. Corn harvest is 58 percent complete, which is about 17 percentage points below the five-year average. NASS says the soybean harvest is 25 percent complete, which is 9 percentage points behind last year and 21 points behind the five-year average.

http://www.stltoday.com/news/state-and-regional/missouri/rain-delays-missouri-corn-soybean-harvests/article_1e2cb6ef-5fde-560d-8f67-83240a022ad3.html

Associated Press - Kansas Crop Report - 10/21/14 - Kansas farmers are running a bit behind normal in planting next year's winter wheat crop. Harvest continues for other farm crops. About 66 percent of the corn in Kansas has now been cut. Sorghum harvest is at 25 percent, while the soybean harvest is 31 percent complete. About 12 percent of the state's sunflowers have also been cut. <http://www.kwbe.com/news/2014/10/21/kutt-local-news/kansas-crop-report/>

News Clips

Pork Network - Iowa leaders issue critical statement on EPA's WOTUS rule - 10/18/14 - Gov. Terry E. Branstad, Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds and Secretary Bill Northey, along with relevant state leaders, sent a letter and submitted comments to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy and Army for Civil Works Assistant Secretary Jo-Ellen Darcy on the proposed "Waters of the United States" federal rule under the Clean Water Act.

<http://www.porknetwork.com/pork-news/latest/iowa-leaders-issue-critical-statement-on-EPAs-WOTUS-rule-279666822.html>

Also Ag Professional

Quad-City Business Journal - Iowa provost offers snapshot of Iowa's wind generation - 10/20/14 - Iowa has emerged as a real powerhouse in the area of wind energy and stands to continue benefiting from its growth. That was the message University of Iowa Provost Barry Butler shared Monday as he discussed the future of wind energy at the Davenport Rotary Club meeting.

http://qctimes.com/business/iowa-provost-offers-snapshot-of-iowa-s-wind-generation/article_ace51eb0-1524-5deb-9cb4-cc2e9f638126.html

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Landowners allowed to join Ameren power line case - 10/20/14 - A judge said Monday that he will rule against a subsidiary of Ameren Corp. in a legal fight over whether it needs state regulators' permission to build a high-voltage power line across northern Missouri. http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/landowners-allowed-to-join-ameren-power-line-case/article_8ddea281-775f-5fb1-8996-a1cd5633c301.html

Associated Press - Judge to rule against Ameren in power line case - 10/20/14 - A judge said Monday that he will rule against a subsidiary of Ameren Corp. in a legal fight over whether it needs state regulators' permission to build a high-voltage power line across northern Missouri. http://www.stltoday.com/news/national/judge-to-rule-against-ameren-in-power-line-case/article_6f94ac8a-efad-5bd8-85aa-9beb4f35d219.html

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Abengoa opens U.S. cellulosic ethanol plant in Kansas - 10/17/14 - A Spanish company, with U.S. headquarters in Chesterfield, has opened its first cellulosic ethanol plant in Southwest Kansas. http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/abengoa-opens-u-s-cellulosic-ethanol-plant-in-kansas/article_be3c7798-e227-5fd8-85cf-f02b45fd4f7a.html

Lincoln Journal-Star (Neb.) - LES aims to sign solar, wind energy project deals by December - 10/17/14 - The Lincoln Electric System plans to have two renewable energy projects — a community solar energy project and a wind farm — wrapped up just before Christmas. http://journalstar.com/news/local/les-aims-to-sign-solar-wind-energy-project-deals-by/article_665eb43a-f674-5191-a636-d8b488e43d06.html

Brownfield Ag News - Nebraska's governor encourages E85 use - 10/20/14 - Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman is encouraging Nebraskans to use E85—the blend of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent unleaded gasoline—the next time they fill up with a flex fuel vehicle. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2014/10/20/nebraskas-governor-encourages-e85-use/>

NRDC Switchboard (blog) - The Benefits of Wind Energy in Iowa: A Valuable, Reliable Crop for This Agricultural State - 10/20/14 - Iowa wind continues to blow away critics of the potential for clean energy to lead to economic growth! Last week Governor Branstad announced that MidAmerican Energy, the largest utility in the state, plans to add 67 wind turbines in Adams and O'Brien counties by the end of 2015. http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/kmccormick/the_benefits_of_wind_energy_in.html

KWMU St. Louis Public Radio - Constitution Party Candidate Shares Vision For St. Louis County - 10/20/14 - On the topic of the Westlake Landfill and if the county executive has any authority in that situation, Passanise repeated that the county executive needs to take initiative. "I would try to make sure the Feds fix the problem. They created it, and they should fix it. But I would work very diligently to make sure it happened." <http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/constitution-party->

candidate-shares-vision-st-louis-county

Smithsonian Magazine - Five Conflicts and Collapses That May Have Been Spurred by Climate Change - 10/20/14 - Earth's changing climate has been a spectre in centuries of civil conflict and, at times, the collapse of whole civilizations.
<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/climate-wars-conflicts-collapses-spurred-climate-change-180952862/>

Governing - Despite Their Carbon Rebellion, States Prepare for the Worst - 10/21/14 (October issue) - While more than a dozen states are fighting the new federal rules to reduce carbon emissions, many officials fear that ignoring them would be far worse.
<http://www.governing.com/topics/transportation-infrastructure/gov-carbon-state-rebellion.html>

Greentech Media - Is the EPA Too Conservative in Its Clean Energy Projections Under New Carbon Rules? - 10/20/14 - When the EPA released its highly anticipated draft rule to slash carbon emissions from existing power plants in June, it signaled the beginning of a contentious, multi-year process of review and implementation -- that is, if anything ever actually gets implemented.
<http://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/is-the-EPA-Too-Conservative-in-Its-Clean-Energy-Projections-Under-New-Carbo>

Midwest Energy News - For taller wind turbines, Iowa engineer looks to concrete - 10/20/14 - Iowa State University engineer Sri Sritharan is developing a modular system that he says will enable wind turbines to be built taller. <http://www.midwestenergynews.com/2014/10/20/for-taller-wind-turbines-iowa-engineer-looks-to-concrete/>

Los Angeles Times - Geothermal power industry lost steam but may be poised for comeback - 10/20/14 - The industry's shortsightedness — and its slowness to innovate — left geothermal floundering for three decades in the shadows of the solar and wind energy juggernauts.
<http://www.latimes.com/local/la-me-geothermal-20141020-story.html>

New Scientist - Powering up the poor shouldn't hurt the climate - 10/19/14 - More than a billion people worldwide — one in six people — don't yet have access to electricity. Getting them plugged in to power will send carbon emissions soaring in developing countries, right? Well, no, according to a new study. <http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn26406-powering-up-the-poor-shouldnt-hurt-the-climate.html>

Huffington Post - The Climate Post: U.S., Military to Plan More Strategically for Climate Change - 10/20/14 - Climate change is a "threat multiplier" and worse than many of the challenges the U.S. military is already grappling with, according to a new report by the U.S. Department of

Defense (DoD). http://www.huffingtonpost.com/tim-profeta/the-climate-post-us-milit_b_6015272.html

Huffington Post - Margo Oge: Blowing Smoke at Global Warming - 10/20/14 - Over the past few decades, thousands of scientists, government agencies, health authorities and non-profits have compiled an enormously broad and comprehensive picture of the threat posed by climate change. And yet Congress has still not passed a single law to addresses it. http://www.huffingtonpost.com/margo-t-oge/blowing-smoke-at-global-w_b_6004774.html

Food Safety Magazine - EPA to Register Enlist Duo Herbicide in an Effort to Protect Human Health, Infants and Children - 10/20/14 - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is registering the herbicide, Enlist Duo with first-time ever restrictions to manage the problem of resistant weeds. <http://www.foodsafetymagazine.com/news/epa-to-register-enlist-duo-herbicide-in-an-effort-to-protect-human-health-infants-and-children/>

The Hill - Rep. Smith demands cost analysis of EPA climate rule - 10/20/14 - Rep. Lamar Smith (R-Texas) is pressing the Environmental Protection Agency to conduct a cost and benefits analysis of its carbon pollution rule on power plants. <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/221285-rep-smith-demands-cost-analysis-of-epa-climate-rule>

The Hill - EPA takes step in regulating drinking water - 10/20/14 - The Environmental Protection Agency took the first step toward regulating a chemical in the country's drinking water on Monday. The EPA issued a preliminary determination to regulate the chemical called strontium, which is a naturally occurring element. <http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/221317-epa-takes-first-step-toward-regulating-strontium-in-drinking-water>

EcoWatch - Wind Energy Could Generate Nearly 20 Percent of World's Electricity by 2030 - 10/21/14 - Wind power has a pivotal role to play in the world's energy supply over the next few years. By providing huge amounts of clean, affordable power, it can buy us time in the fight against global warming while revolutions in energy efficiency and solar power gain momentum. <http://ecowatch.com/2014/10/21/wind-generate-20-percent-2030/>

Green Harvard - A lecture on legality: The EPA's Clean Power Plan - 10/20/14 - Jody Freeman, Archibald Cox Professor of Law and Director of the Harvard's Environmental Law Program, and Richard Lazarus, Howard J. and Katherine W. Aibel Professor of Law, held a lecture on the Environmental Protection Agency's recent proposal of the Clean Power Plan. - See more at: <http://green.harvard.edu/news/lecture-legality-epas-clean-power-plan>

House Energy & Commerce Committee (release) - 10/17/14 - A new study by NERA Economic Consulting released this week calculates the costs and consequences of the Environmental

Protection Agency's carbon dioxide regulations for existing power plants, referred to by the agency as the "Clean Power Plan." <http://energycommerce.house.gov/blog/study-epa%E2%80%99s-power-plan-could-total-least-366-billion>

Chemical & Engineering News - Department Of Defense Plans For Adaptation In Light Of Climate Change - 10/20/14 - The Department of Defense is drawing up plans for adapting to the expected impacts of climate change such as rising global temperatures, changing precipitation patterns, rising sea level, and more extreme weather events.
<http://cen.acs.org/articles/92/i42/Department-Defense-Plans-Adaptation-Light.html>

Los Angeles Times - Another Ebola challenge: Disposing of medical waste - 10/19/14 - Though the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend autoclaving (a form of sterilizing) or incinerating the waste as a surefire means of destroying the microbes, burning infected waste is effectively prohibited in California and banned in at least seven other states.
<http://www.latimes.com/science/la-sci-ebola-waste-disposal-20141020-story.html>

Iowa Farm Bureau (blog) - Farming Beyond the Fences - 10/20/14 - As combines churn across Iowa's farm fields, Iowans remember they live in a globally-recognized 'farm state,' because they see the machines working in the fields, or they get stuck behind the slow rigs while driving home. Long before the corn was tall and the beans turned yellow, more and more farmers were out there planting the seeds of knowledge with those who may never grow food for a living.
<http://www.iowafarmbureau.com/articles/130854/farming-beyond-the-fences>

AgWeb - EIA Analyzes the Biggest Fuel-Guzzling Crops - 10/21/14 - It's the great give-and-take of farming – food is fuel once it's grown, but food requires fuel to grow. And not just sunlight and water, either – it takes a tremendous amount of fuels, lubricants, electricity and fertilizer to raise a crop. <http://www.agweb.com/article/eia-analyzes-the-biggest-fuel-guzzling-crops-ben-potter/>

EcoWatch - Keystone XL Pipeline Owner TransCanada Named 'World Climate Leader' - 10/20/14 - The London-based Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), which serves as a vehicle for businesses to report their greenhouse gas emissions, has issued its first-ever Climate Performance Leadership Index. <http://ecowatch.com/2014/10/20/keystone-xl-transcanada-climate-change/>

Inside Climate - In Key Midterm Races, Democrats Sound Like Republicans on Climate Issue - 10/21/14 - For Democrats 'the pressure to stop climate action comes almost entirely from oil and gas interests that play a role in their states' economies.'
<https://insideclimatenews.org/news/20141021/key-midterm-races-democrats-sound-republicans-climate-issue>

Christian Science Monitor - Not all power is created equally. So why does it all cost the same? - 10/20/14 - We're due to make a decisive move toward increasingly sophisticated electricity pricing, Bronski writes, including time-of-use pricing that would financially incent customers like me to shift my energy management in ways that can benefit both me and the grid. <http://www.csmonitor.com/Environment/Energy-Voices/2014/1020/Not-all-power-is-created-equally.-So-why-does-it-all-cost-the-same>

Washington Times - Commentary: Another EPA alarm about rising seas that aren't rising - 10/20/14 - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy visited Miami Beach recently to raise awareness about the need to "stop global warming" in order to save the region from dangerous sea-level rise. <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2014/oct/20/carter-harris-another-epa-alarm-about-rising-seas/>

Associated Press - The meaning of 'organic' hazy for nonfood items - 10/21/14 - There's a strict set of standards for organic foods. But the rules are looser for household cleaners, textiles, cosmetics and the organic dry cleaners down the street. http://www.stltoday.com/news/national/govt-and-politics/the-meaning-of-organic-hazy-for-nonfood-items/article_bdc15950-6c7a-5fb1-a6c1-7f8f0e0b6fc3.html

The Scientist - How Rice Overcomes Arsenic - 10/20/14 - Researchers have discovered a transporter protein in rice that sequesters arsenic in vacuoles, preventing the toxic element from traveling into grains. <http://www.the-scientist.com/?articles.view/articleNo/41257/title/How-Rice-Overcomes-Arsenic/>

New York Times (blog)- Power Plants Seek to Extend Life of Nuclear Reactors for Decades - 10/19/14 - The prospects for building new nuclear reactors may be sharply limited, but the owners of seven old ones, in Pennsylvania, Virginia and South Carolina, are preparing to ask for permission to run them until they are 80 years old. <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/20/business/power-plants-seek-to-extend-life-of-nuclear-reactors.html>

Associated Press - Warming Earth heading for hottest year on record - 10/20/14 - Earth is on pace to tie or even break the mark for the hottest year on record, federal meteorologists say. That's because global heat records have kept falling in 2014, with September the latest example. <http://bigstory.ap.org/article/079ed0ae0f5049019ea25d8e1897c81e/another-month-another-global-heat-record-broken>

Agri-Pulse - Fuels America Backs Franken, Peterson, Peters, Terry with ad campaign - 10/21/14 - A group formed to protect the Renewable Fuel Standard is launching a six-figure ad buy on TV and radio to support the reelection bids of U.S. Sen. Al Franken of Minnesota, and Representatives Collin Peterson of Minnesota, Gary Peters of Michigan and Lee Terry of Nebraska. Franken, Peterson and Peters are Democrats while Terry is a Republican. <http://www.agri->

pulse.com/Fuels-America-launches-election-ad-buy-Franken-Peterson-Peters-Terry-10212014.asp

Bloomberg - Peabody Says Rail Congestion Limits Coal Sales - 10/20/14 - Peabody Energy Corp. (BTU), the largest U.S. coal producer by sales, said rail congestion is stopping it from delivering as much as it wants to from mines in the west of the country.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-10-20/peabody-says-rail-congestion-limits-coal-sales.html>

TriplePundit - Natural Gas Detrimental to Low-Carbon Economy, Study Says - 10/21/14 - Compared to dirty coal, natural gas looks like a clean fuel. It is often touted as a bridge fuel. Unfortunately, this thinking is flawed. <http://www.triplepundit.com/2014/10/natural-gas-detrimental-low-carbon-economy-study-says/>

DesMosBlog - Natural Gas as 'Bridge Fuel' Is Excellent Political Solution But Fails As Climate Solution - 10/20/14 - "We cannot solely rely on abundant gas to solve the climate change problem. The climate change problem requires a climate change solution. Abundant gas could be great for any number of things, but it is not going to solve the climate change problem." <http://www.desmogblog.com/2014/10/20/natural-gas-bridge-fuel-excellent-political-solution-fails-climate-solution>

The Hill - DOE hits brakes on efficiency rules - 10/20/14 - The Energy Department's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy is reversing course and will not regulate high-intensity discharge lamps that are often used in gymnasiums, warehouses and parking lots. <http://thehill.com/regulation/221256-doe-hits-brakes-on-efficiency-rules>

Toronto Star - Did environmental decline help the spread of Ebola? - 10/19/14 - Long-term alteration of habitats and accelerated climate change will increase chances of exotic diseases spreading, scientists argue. http://www.thestar.com/opinion/commentary/2014/10/19/the_link_between_environmental_degradation_and_ebola.html

Russian Times - 'Bee killer' pesticide provides little benefit to farmers - EPA - 10/21/14 - The Environmental Protection Agency has confirmed that a popular class of insecticide used to treat soybean seeds provides little or no benefit to the farmers – the pesticide, however, is the prime suspect for the deaths of 30 million honeybees. <http://rt.com/usa/197652-epa-soybean-pesticide-bees/>

EnergyWire - With cold approaching, Upper Midwest utilities keep eye on coal stockpiles, rail service - 10/20/14 - Utility executives are increasingly worried about a very different fuel supply issue -- low coal stockpiles as a result of reduced railroad deliveries -- and what it could mean in the event of another harsh winter. <http://www.eenews.net/energywire/stories/1060007489>

EnergyWire - Industry leaders 'very concerned' about EPA snub in Clean Power Plan -

10/20/14 - Industry officials visiting the Tennessee Valley Authority's newly built Watts Bar 2 nuclear unit wasted no time Friday in telling U.S. EPA to credit the three Southeastern states that are building emission-free nuclear projects.

<http://www.eenews.net/energywire/2014/10/20/stories/1060007530>

E&E News PM - EPA targets indoor air quality in schools - 10/17/14 - U.S. EPA has issued a final rule aimed at ending domestic production by 2020 of chemicals that deplete the Earth's stratospheric ozone layer and contribute to global warming.

<http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/stories/1060007528/>

ClimateWire - Could a moderate climate warming be beneficial? Researchers don't think so -

10/20/14 - Scientists so far cannot say whether global warming up to 2 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels would be beneficial to society or not. And so the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is careful when talking about economic impacts.

<http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/stories/1060007545/>

ClimateWire - Tornado clusters appearing more often, as seen through the lens of a 'tornado chaser' - 10/20/14 - Tornado chasers lead exciting lives. Greg Johnson was in a souped-up pickup truck tearing down the highway alongside Pilger, Neb., shooting a video of a tornado that was about to rip the town apart. <http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/stories/1060007543/>

Greenwire - EPA's IG questions solvency of Clean Air Act permit program - 10/20/14 - The revenues brought in from Clean Air Act permit fees have not been sufficient to cover regulatory agencies' expenses in processing those permits, according to a new report by U.S. EPA's Office of Inspector General. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060007572/>

Greenwire - Agency struggles with NEPA reviews, cyberthreats, fraud -- IG - 10/20/14 - The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is struggling to conduct environmental reviews, track problems linked to aging reactors and thwart fraud, the misuse of funds and evolving cyberthreats, the inspector general said in a review released today.

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060007578/>

Greenwire - Geothermal sector rebounds after struggles - 10/20/14 - Industry leaders say geothermal power is poised for a comeback after decades of challenges, especially in California. "We had been in a gradual decline, but we've turned the corner," said Doug Hollett, director of the U.S. Energy Department's Geothermal Technologies Office.

<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060007562/>

Greenwire - Former EPA chief, energy entrepreneur dies - 10/20/14 - After serving for decades as a pivotal player in the energy sector and government policy, Robert W. Fri died earlier this month at the age of 78. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1060007563/>

BNB - Greater Oversight of Title V Program Needed Amid Declining Revenues, Report Finds - 10/20/14 - Additional oversight from the Environmental Protection Agency is necessary to address declining and frequently insufficient revenues to operate the agency's Title V permitting program, according to a Oct. 20 Office of Inspector General report.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=58067548&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f7p1r4u0&split=

BNB - EPA Carbon Standards for Modified Plants Impose Double Regulation, Utilities Say -

10/20/14 - An Environmental Protection Agency proposed rule that would require modified and reconstructed power plants to meet two different carbon dioxide emissions standards under separate provisions of the Clean Air Act is illegal, states and industry groups said.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=58067554&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f7p1u2m9&split=

BNB - EPA Plans to Phase Out Use of HCFC-22 By 2020, but Quicker Reduction Sought -

10/20/14 - The Environmental Protection Agency announced plans to phase out use of several hydrochlorofluorocarbons with high global warming potentials by 2020 as part of a final rule.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=58067541&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f7p0p7p6&split=

BNB - EPA Clarifies Stance on Alternate Uses Of CRT Glass; Impact Seen as Limited -

10/20/14 - The Environmental Protection Agency has clarified that using cathode ray tube glass as a substitute in ceramic tile manufacturing may be considered legitimate recycling, while using the leaded glass as alternative daily cover in landfills is disposal of the material.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=58067542&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f7p0v1w2&split=

BNB - Certain Coke 'Fines' May Be Regulated As Fuel When Burned in Boilers, EPA Says -

10/20/14 - Certain residues of coke derived from pollution-control measures at a coal-burning power plant may be regulated as a fuel under less-strict Clean Air Act requirements, the Environmental Protection Agency said.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=58067540&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0f7p0p5m5&split=

BNB - Republicans Would Target EPA Power Plant, Ozone, Water Rules if Senate Changes Hands -

10/20/14 - With fall elections just two weeks away, Republicans may be on the verge of wresting control of the Senate from Democrats who have blocked efforts to roll back environmental rules on carbon dioxide pollution from power plants, ozone and expanded Clean Water Act jurisdiction over U.S. waterways.

Inside EPA - EPA Expands List Of SNAP Alternatives To HFCs As Part Of Climate Plan -

10/20/14 - EPA is poised to expand its list of refrigerant chemicals that pose a lower global warming risk than those that are currently approved under its significant new alternative policies (SNAP) program. <http://dev.insideepa.com/climate-daily-news/epa-expands-list-snap-alternatives-hfcs-part-climate-plan>

Inside EPA - EPA's Landmark CCS Permits For FutureGen Draw Early Legal Challenge -

10/20/14 - EPA's first ever Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) permits for carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) injections, which the agency issued last month for the planned FutureGen power plant, are drawing an early legal challenge from local landowners. <http://insideepa.com/daily-news/epas-landmark-ccs-permits-futuregen-draw-early-legal-challenge>

Inside EPA - States Raise Implementation Concerns Over Draft EPA Selenium Criteria -

10/20/14 - States are calling for clarity on how to implement EPA's draft water quality criteria for selenium that relies partially on fish-tissue concentrations for assessing adverse effects to aquatic life. <http://insideepa.com/daily-news/states-raise-implementation-concerns-over-draft-epa-selenium-criteria>

Inside EPA - Rep. Smith Faults EPA's Climate ESPS Analysis - 10/20/14 - Citing a new analysis of EPA's proposed existing source performance standards, Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX) -- chairman of the House Space, Science and Technology Committee -- is again calling on EPA to address what he calls "serious problems" with the modeling behind its assumptions. <http://insideepa.com/news-briefs/rep-smith-faults-epas-climate-esps-analysis>

Inside EPA - DOE Official Suggests 'Mix' Of Rules To Curb Oil Sector's Methane Releases -

10/20/14 - A top Energy Department (DOE) official is highlighting a broad array of regulations that could curb methane emissions from the oil and gas sector. <http://dev.insideepa.com/climate-daily-news/doe-official-suggests-mix-rules-curb-oil-sectors-methane-releases>

Inside EPA - Litigation: Filing deadline this week for key case against EPA - 10/20/14 - Oct. 21

is the deadline for filings in an important court case we are tracking, Coalition for Responsible Regulation v. EPA. That's when parties must file motions to govern future proceedings to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit over what outstanding issues must be addressed following the Supreme Court's June ruling in Utility Air Regulatory Group (UARG) v. EPA over EPA's greenhouse gas permitting program. <http://insideepa.com/climate-blog/litigation-filing-deadline-week-key-case-against-epa>

Inside EPA - Docket: Utilities associations wonder why EPA has proposed a modified-sources rule - 10/20/14 - Two national electric utility groups, filing at the comment deadline on EPA's proposed rule governing carbon emissions from modified and reconstructed sources, wonder why the agency is bothering at all. <http://insideepa.com/climate-blog/docket-utilities-associations-wonder-why-epa-has-proposed-modified-sources-rule>

Inside EPA - Regulation: Democratic coal backers urge reconsideration of EPA rules - 10/20/14 - A group of "elected representatives of the American people and as members and leaders of the Democratic Party" is circulating a draft letter to the president opposing EPA's proposed standards for new and existing power plants. <http://insideepa.com/climate-blog/regulation-democratic-coal-backers-urge-reconsideration-epa-rules>

Inside EPA - States: ACEEE to unveil new energy efficiency scorecard this week - 10/20/14 - On Wednesday the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy will unveil its latest "State Energy Efficiency Scorecard," which ranks all 50 states and the District of Columbia on "on their policies and programs that encourage the efficient use of energy in buildings, transportation, and industry." <http://insideepa.com/climate-blog/states-aceee-unveil-new-energy-efficiency-scorecard-week>

Inside EPA - Climate change and agriculture; energy issues addressed in Baltimore - 10/20/14 - The International Symposium on Weather and Climate Extremes, Food Security and Biodiversity begins today in Washington, DC, with a focus on issues related to the impacts of climate change and other extreme events on agriculture production and natural resources. <http://insideepa.com/climate-blog/week-ahead-climate-change-and-agriculture-energy-issues-addressed-baltimore>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

10/21-22/14 – EPA LEAN Summit, Washington, D.C. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

11/4/14 – COOP Exercise, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chris Taylor, 7736

11/5/14 – Attend the Pollinator Protection Brownbag, Regional Office. Contact: Catherine Wooster-Brown, 7425

11/12/14 – Native American Heritage Event Discussion on “Climate Change and Adaptation in Indian Country, Regional Office. Contact: Alex Owutaka, 7584

11/12/14 – Regional Tribal Operations Committee Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Patrick Bustos, 7969

11/13/14 – National Association of Farm Broadcasters Trade Talk Show, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

11/18/14 – Region 7 Small Business Environmental Assistance Providers, Regional Office. Contact: Gary Bertram, 7533

11/19/14 – Omaha CSO Program Tour, Omaha, Neb. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

12/2-3/14 – Attend the Four State Director's Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Dick Sumpter, 7661

12/15/14 – Joint R7 & R8 Meeting, Denver, Colo. Contact: Damon Frizzell, 7560

DRA:

10/27-28/14 – Attend the RCRA Director's Meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

10/29/14 – Attend the OUST Director's Meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

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11/12/14 – Native American Heritage Event Discussion on "Climate Change and Adaptation in Indian Country, Regional Office. Contact: Alex Owutaka, 7584

11/18/14 – Attend the Executive Management Council Meeting, Washington DC. Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

12/2-3/14 – Attend the Four State Director's Meeting, Regional Office. Contact: Dick Sumpter, 7661

RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

None

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

10/19-22/14 – Senior Enforcement Managers Meeting, Washington, D.C., Contact: D. Singletary, x7373

10/22/14 – Parkview Well Public Meeting, Grand Island, Ne. Contact: Karim Dawani, 7289

ENSV

None

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

None

SUPR

10/22/14 – Public Availability Session to discuss remedial action and the Five Year Review for the Parkview Well Site, Grand Island, Neb. Contact: Brad Vann, 7611

WWPD

10/20-21/14 – Hypoxia Task Force Meeting, Alton, Ill. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

10/20-25/14 – EPA Grants Reporting and Tracking System Training, Seattle, Wash. Contact: Theresa Brink, 7337

10/22/14 – St. Louis Regional Chamber and Metro Water Infrastructure Partnership water infrastructure seminar, St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

10/22/14 – Operation Breakthrough-St. Vincent's Head Start outreach event, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Crystal McIntyre, 7261

10/23/14 – Kansas Department of Health and Environment Program Review, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Cassie Mance, 7355

10/27-30/14 – EPA Direct Implementation Network for Tribal Drinking Water Meeting, Washington, DC. Contacts: Stan Calow 7410, Kimberly Willis 7069

10/29-30/14 – National EPA Wet Weather Meeting, Chicago, Ill. Contacts: Jodi Bruno, 7810, Cynthia Sans, 7492

10/30/14 – Emergency Operation Table Top Exercise at WaterOne Administration Building, Lenexa, Kan. Contacts: Ken Deason, 7585, Doug Brune, 7178

11/4-7/14 – National EPA Drinking Water Enforcement Meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: Scott Marquess, 7131

11/3-6/14 – EPA Tribal 106 Coordinators Meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: Heather Duncan, 7640

11/11-12/14 – Council of Infrastructure Finance Authorities National SRF Workshop, Portland, Ore. Contacts: Glenn Curtis, 7726, Sabre Germano, 7026

11/12-14/14 – EPA Assessment TMDL Tracking and Implementation System vision measures training, Washington, DC. Contacts: Tabatha Adkins, 7128, Debby White, 7886

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